HEAVY RECEIPTS IN POST-OFFICE

annual Statement Shows Strong Increases in All Depart-

COMPARED WITH OTHER YEARS

Steady Growth in Postal Business During Last Eight Years.

the various departments of the Richmond post-office during the year just closed indicate that there have been enormous in preases in all lines.

| detail are:
| Sale of postage stamps, envelopes | and postal cards | \$402,233 90 |
| Bale of special request envelopes, 44,578 93 |
Newspaper and periodical postage	22,519 18
Rent of boxes	4,782 49
Third-class postage	12,169 12
Miscellaneous	59 21

postal cards: Station A, 215 West Broad Street, Btation B, 2418 East Broad Street, Blation No. 4, 601 North Seven-teenth Street, sold....
Station No. 5, 901 North Fifth Street, sold....
Blation No. 6, 1101 West Clay Street, sold
Station No. 7, 25 West Leigh Street, sold
Blation No. 8, 2431 Venable Street, sold Biation No. 9, 500 East Marshall Street, sold

Biation No. 10, 2027 East Main
Street, sold

Biation No. 11, 1251 West Main
Street, sold
Biation No. 12, 101 East Broad
Street, sold

Biation No. 13, Barton Heights,
sold

Number of clerks employed in the post-office

Bubstations employ

Number of carriers and substitute
carriers

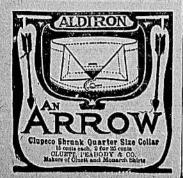
Railway postal clerks paid from
this office Epccial delivery messenger boys... Rural letter carriers serving from this office Money Order Division.

No. Amount
21,016 \$193,452

On same, 1906. 19,205 175,961

on same, 1906. 1,351 | 1905 | 1,851 | 1,252 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,253 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255 | 1,255

Pieces of mail dispatched: 1905. First-class 33,267,684 All others 15,797,039 Special delivery 30,459 Office
Held for postage.....
Canadian matter sent
to Dead Letter Office
Disposed of as waste.. Total 113,950. 118,441





vs. dusty '06—the strug-gle can't last long. Here's hoping the old man doesn't get bumped too

Prices in all our lines have been bumped with a

Never could one hundred cents go farther and bring back more.

If you have an idle dollar or too, here's a rare chance to make it earn handsome dividends:

\$20.00) Suits and O'coats \$22.50 \$25.00 \$14.75

JACOBS 2 LEVY

NOTABLE YEAR IN HISTOTY OF CITY

to more than a hundred thousand

While expansion of territory has been welcomed, it entails heavy responsibilities upon the city, and contributes not a few momentous problems, with which the city government must deal. Already fire and police protection and the benefits of urban schools have been bestowed on the new citizenship, and as soon as practicable additional lights, water, sewerage and street improvements will be ordered. With the accomplishment of extension of the city's borders, a movement has begun to place Richmond in the two hundred thousand class—that is to say, that its progressive business men and citizens are working to make the year 1907 a long stride towards a great city, with the uitiupon the city, and contributes not a few

are working to make the year 1997 a long stride towards a great city, with the ultimate purpose of making it a city of 200,000 population. More room is provided for manufacturing sites, for residences and for parks and for every purpose, and already the values of lands annexed have been rapidly enhanced. Another year it is confidently expected to see much of the new territory as closely built up as desirable, notably in the western portion of the larger city.

The completion of the clear-water plant just west of the city marks a distinct

or life larger city.

The completion of the clear-wai'r plant just west of the city marks a distinct improvement, and a costly one. The series of settling and coagulating hasins begun in 1994 was recently completed, and the great concrete flume which will conduct the clear water to the pumps, is nearing completion. The entire plant will have cost \$450.00 a year, but it will bestow benefits upon future generations, and be well worth the cost in supplying the city with ample clear, pure water for drinking and bathing. The plant is now paid for out of the bonds issued for the purpose, and is a superb plece of work.

Another great public improvement begun during the year, and only just begun, is the provision of a magnificent and commodious modern high school building, centrally located, and to be of massive and substantial construction. The plant will occupy the entire block bounded by Eighth. Ninth, Clay and Marshall Streets, all of which has been purchased by the efficiency of the streets.

Eighth, Ninth, Clay and Marshall Streets, all of which has been purchased

Streets, all of which has been purchased by the city.

The building will cost approximately \$256,000, and building and site about \$600,000.

The work of construction is soon to begin, a large portion of site having been cleared for the purpose. Buildings on the south-ern half of the block will soon be razed also.

OTHER MUNICIPAL

Registry Division.

Registry Division.

Registry Complete and parcel for the city has just completed and pall for a new gas-holder at a cost of \$150,000 as a result of which the storage capacity of the city has been increased from about 650,000 feet to more than 2,500,000 feet, thus insuring sample illuminating and fuel gas and fuel gas and for gas and for gas and fuel gas and for gas and for gas and fuel gas and for gas and for gas and fuel gas and for gas and gas and for gas and for gas and The city has just completed and paid

Legislation is pending which will guard against a repetition of history in allowing the condition of the plant to deteriorate, and will operate to keep it up to a high standard of efficiency.

high standard of efficiency.

A recommendation has been made to the Council that the sum of \$140,000 be expended in the construction of a municipal electrical lighting, pumping and power plant on the construction of the constr plant on a site owned by the city, and one with ample water-power for the ger claim that the building of this plant is

Among other municipal acts of the year Among other municipal acts of the year is an increase in the police protection of life and property at a cost of about \$26,000 per year; the purchase of an additional fire engine and other apparatus for the fire department; the determination to expend about \$30,000 for a new almshage, and of \$15,000 for a new tion to expend about \$30,000 for a new almishouse, and of \$15,000 to convert a piece of city property into an auditorium with a seating capacity of about \$3,000 people. The old First Market building, condemned as unsafe, has been reduced to a one-story structure and reconstructed substantially.

A new building, to be occupied as the First Polleg Station, is near completion on East Broad Street, near Eighteanth. A great many valuable permanent improvements to the streets, sldewalks and

provements to the streets, sidewalks and alleys of the city have been made during the year, and in many cases aspinut block has replaced less destrable paving material, bringing about great improvement. Perhaps the most noteworthy improvement of streets is the widening of Monument Avenue from Allison to the Boulevard, so as to give it a uniform width of 140 feet, and make it the handsomest thoroughfare in the city.

The city has also taken steps to further protect its water mains and gas pipes from corrosion by electrolysis, and will excend considerable money in this given



PROSPEROUS YEAR AMONG THE JOBBERS

The past year was probably the most prosperous in the history of the jobbing trade of Richmond, the annual sales increasing nearly six and a half million dollars. There was one little setback the last few months of the year in a small section of the South, traveled by the trade, caused by crop losses, but no losses of consequence have yet been occasioned by same.

Class Article or Kind.	4	Capital in Business	Annual Sales
Groceries, confectioneries, liquors and Provisions Boots and shees Dry goods and notions Coal, wood, hay seeds, nursery, Drugs, licerice, flavorings Hardware, agricultural implements. Raillway, filli plumbers' supplies. Hats, caps clothing, millinery, straw so Sewing machines, typewriters, electrical ing mid rubber goods Oils, paints, varnish, glass Leather hides, saddlery, tanbark Stoves, tin Books, stationery, paper Furniture, carpets, upholstery Planos, organs, musical instruments.	oda, bloycle, sport	. 1,912,640 1,487,912 . 936,803 . 927,233 . 621,052 . 529,236 . 487,452 . 345,210 . 287,216 . 245,870 . 238,400 . 256,125	\$18,675,010 13,305,160 6,537,500 4,668,000 3,247,116 2,385,010 2,009,140 1,514,126 1,141,315 1,280,519 886,519 841,216 619,228 \$521,152 \$61,524,275

fort. It has passed ordinances closing barrooms and poolrooms at midnight, effective February 1st. It proposes to increase the police force and to increase the solice officers.

One of the most noteworthy public improvements handed down to the year 1807 by the year 1906 is the proposed reclamation of the Fulton Flats and the raising of Lester Street to such a height that it will be above the level of freshets in the river thereafter. Incidentally, acres of low lands will be reclaimed and made valuable for manufacturing sites and business property. This matter and the electric light and power plant, the reinabilitation of the Gas Works and the construction of a colored almshouse building are matters undertaken, but not actually-entered upon before the close of the very

require a great deal of thought, labor and expenditure of money The outlook for the municipality for the ensuing year is bright for even greater substantial im-

as the city's greatest manufactured pro duct, including cigarettes, cigars cheroots, and all forms of smoking cheroots, and all forms of smoking to-bacco. The total output of smoking to-baccos, cigarettes, cigars and cheroots ag-gregated more than six million dollars in value, while the production of manu-factured tobaccos other than these re-presented a value of more than fourteen millions of dollars. Over ten thousand persons were employed in the various branches of the tobacco industry alone, and the output exceeds that of any former year.

Next to the tobacco manufacturing in

a million dollars and the value of products \$3,360,000.

approximate figures as to the capital invested and annual output of iron and steel and their products, since these enter into the production of so many other forms of manufactured goods. The Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, though retaining the title, no longer makes nails but bar iron, sheets and billets, and has had a most prosperous year. It is loaded with orders, requiring months to execute. The Richmond Locomotive Works, with the largest force of employes in its history, has had a most prosperous year. It closes the year with about 2,500 men on the pay-roll and an enormous output of locomotives and steam shovels or excavators. The demand for its products has been phenomenal during the year, owing to the activity in the transportation business and in railway extension. In common with the other plants of the American Locomotive Company, it has had a steel and their products, since these enter mon with the other plants of the American Locomotive Company, it has had a year of unprecedented business, and has steadily employed at remunerative wages the highest class of mechanics, and has found it difficult to secure sufficient. It has been determined to enlarge the plant at an expenditure of about a half a million dellars, so as to provide for the construc-

to other industries. Suffice it to say that the prosperity of all has been commensu-rate with that of the larger ones, and that their products have found ready

Almost in every case increased equipment has been installed and enlarged output is provided for to supply a steadily growing demand. The only handleap in all the city's enterprises, and that is applicable to every city, is the scarcity of desirable labor. Movements are in progress to relieve this by supplying desirable

CRIED EASILY Nervous Woman Stopped Coffee and Quit Other Things.

No better practical proof that coffee is a drug can be required than to note how the nerves become unstrung in women who habitually drink it.

able lacor, and the prospect is brighter for the new year than ever before.

Among other industries that have thriven is the great plant of the American Can Company, in the northeastern portion of the city, which is increasing its equipment and expectly by the convention.

equipment and capacity by the construc-tion of a five-story addition. A large force has been steadily employed there, and the output has increased during the

The Tredegar Works never make any unnecessary publicity as to their operations, but have been working steadily all the year and employing all the desirable force it could secure. Its year has been a very prosperous one in every way.

The Richmond Forgings Corporation, a new industry, found it necessary to double its capital during the first six months of operation, and is getting all the orders it can fill, and even more. The same is true of the stove measurfactories, the castings plants, the machine shops and all phases of iron manufacture.

The Commercial Life

of the City Expands
The commercial life of the city has
made quite as remarkable strides as its
manufacturing interests, and perhaps even
greater. Richmond as a distributing centre for a large section of States, and in
many lines for a large portion of the
South, is strengthening its hold upon
its own supremacy and is distancing rivals.

vais.

Allied with and necessarily important to the commercial life of the city is its banking and financial institutions. These have always ntood high in the South, and the city has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for the stability and strength of its banks and the conservative progressiveness of their management, having had fewer defalcations, failures or embarrassments than almost any city of its population and wealth in the country. All of them have paid dividends during the year ranging from 5 or 6 to 13 per cent, annually, and in at least one case the capital has been almost doubled. The First National has increased its capital from \$60,000 to \$1,000,000, and is paying large dividends on the greater sum. The Southern Interstate Bank has begue operations and is paying a dividend and doing a satisfactory business. The Commonwealth Bank, which has just begun business, paid a handsome semi-annual dividend just as well as the oldest and largest, and promises to become one of the strong institutions of the city. come one of the

est, and promises to become one of the strong institutions of the city. The Bank of Richmond will in a few days increase its capital from \$500,000 to one million dollars, and has just moved nto one of the handsomest houses in the South. Other banks have improved their banking-houses and added

improved their banking-houses and added improved furniture and fixtures.

The commercial life of the city, 80 varied and widespread as to defy specialization, has closed a year of phenomenal growth and prosperity. The capital invested in the jobbing trade alone has increased \$6,500,000 during the year, or more than doubled, being about \$11,500,000 in all. The sales for the year by the Belsmand characteristics. the Richmond jobbers aggregated more than sixty millions of dollars, and ex-tended into far distant States. Additional salesimen are being sent out and new territory constantly opened up to the conquering "drummer." "Made in Rich-mond" might be stamped upon articles territory constantly opened up to the conquering "drummer." "Made in Richmond" might be stamped upon articles sold all over this and foreign countries.

Sales of groceries, liquors, etc., lead the list, with provisions second, shoes and boots third, and dry goods and notions next on the list in the amount of capital invested, and of annual sales. In the invested and of annual sales. shoe jobbing trade the capital invested amounts to a million and a half, and the annual sales about six and a half milllons. Dry goods and notions come next, with sales of over four and a half millions on an invested capital of nearly one million.

terests, the largest industry of the city, measured by the value of output of the manufacture of farming implements, tools, supplies and such things, the output of which was near \$10,000,000. Next to that ranks the manufacture of farming implements, tools, supplies and such things, the output of which was near \$10,000,000. Next to that ranks the manufacture of farming implements, tools, and the store of the state of t

Porto Rico in Quality as well as in Name



(Exact size and

Also made in

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There are plenty of so-called Porto Riccigars, many of them made of tobac grown in the United States; these brands will likely multiply in number since the recent increased cost of Porto Rican lead That's why smokers everywhere should be more particular than ever to get the genuine

ELTORO

Cigar-5 Cents

This is one cigar you can be sure Porto Rican in quality as well as in name made in Porto Rico, exclusively of Port Rican tobacco.

The El Toros now on the market ar finer in quality than ever, because of th unusual excellence of this year's crop i Porto Rico, only the best selections which are used to make the El Toro.

Made in a thoroughly modern factory with facilities and methods unequalled by any other manufacturer, El Toro cigars are unquestionably the finest 5-cent cigars Porto Rico has ever produced, Every El Toro cigar is now banded

so you can be sure you get the genuine. It costs you only five cents, as always. The El Toro is superior to any other cigar sold at 5 cents. Porto Rican-American Tobacco Company

MANUFACTURER

plants and residences. This subject has already been covered by The Times-Dispatch in some detail, showing that something like \$8.350,000 has been expended in improvements of this character. Many manufacturing plants have enlarged their buildings, including the Larus & Bro. Company, tobacco manufacturers; the R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company, the United States Tobacco Company, E. K. Vistor & Co., have all enlarged their plants or sare building new structures.

The Bank of Richmond has reconstructed an old building at large expense, and made-it one of the handsomest of our banking-houses. The Stephen Putney Shog Company has just completed and occupied a mammoth manufactory, warehouse and salesroom on West Broad Street. The Southern Bell Telephone Company is constructing a magnificent six-story brick and stone and steel construction office building on Grace Street, near Eighth Street, which will be an addition to that locality. It is now well advanced. J. F. Jurkens' Sons is completing a speakers. Street, which will be an addition to that locality. It is now well advanced. J. F. Jurgens' Sons is completing a spaceous and well constructed storehouse at the corner of Adams and Broad Streets, and Miller and Rhoads are building a large addition to their aiready splendid store, on Broad, between Fifth and Sixth Streets. They purpose building to the corner of Sixth Street as soon as they can secure possession of the corner property, and hope to ultimately extend the two wings of their building on Broad Street, so as to make it one continuous front on that thoroughfare.

These are some of the uptown mercan-

Street, so as to make it one continuous front on that thoroughfare.

These are some of the uptown mercantile establishments which are enlarging or building new stores, but there are many others. On the north side of Broad Street and along the river front, many costly and handsome manufacturing and wholesale houses have been constructed, and heavy business of all kinds shows a decided trend.

Among the handsome public or semipublic structures reared or in process of construction, the hotels are the most notable. The addition to the Jefferson Hotel, completing that structure on a scale oven handsomer than its prototype, is probably the most noteworthy. This work is being done by the Jefferson Realty Company, the new owners of the property, and the completed fireproof, steel construction building will be ready for occupancy in March or by April.

It is constructed in the most substantial manner, and finished in the most elegant style the architects could devise, When completely till be the activities are are many building, though it may be some time yrighted before a start is made.

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It is constructed in the most substantial manner, and finished in the most elegant style the architects could devise. When completed it will be the equal of any hostery in the country, and its enpacity will have been almost trebled. The new apartment bause hotel being erected for Colonel John Murphy at the corner of Eighth and Grace Streets is rapidly going up. This is a steel construction, seven-story building, designed especially for a high-class apartment house, but to be used temporarily as an annex pending reconstruction of the original Murphy's Hotel. This will practically double the capacity of the hotel. Gilbert's Hotel, at Eighth and Franklin Streets, has been greatly enlarged and improved, and is now a handsome hotel.

An apartment house is being built at the corner of Third and Main Streets by Mr. J. M. Fourqueen, and other similar structures are planned.

All over the city old houses are having wings added to the rear and being converted into flats, there being apparently an insatiable demand for this class of rental property.

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The most noteworthy building has been done in the western section known as Lee District. Here many handsome and costly homes have been leaved and others are under construction or planned. Everywhere on the suburbs new residences are being constructed. Everywhere on the siburbs new residences are being constructed. The suburban sattlements, such as Barton Heights, Chestnut Hill, Highland Park, Ginter Park and Lee Annex are fast building up with residences of a desirable type.

proving its city lines. It has ordered twenty new cars of the largest and most approved type. The owners of these properties have also a most completed the construction of a life

are being improved on an elaborate scale, paved drives, granolithic walkways and landscape gardening adding to the go eral effect.

Was Something of a Red-Letter Year.

Red_Letter Year,
The year 1900 has made several handsome contributions to the statues and
monuments which make this city the
Monumental City of the South pre-eminently. Early in the summer the handsome statue of ex-Governor William
Smith, major-general of the Confederate
States Army, was unveiled in the Capitot
Suare. States Army, was unveiled in the Capitor Square.

The imposing memorial to Jefferson Davis is being reared on West Franklin Street, or Monument Avenue, and will be dedicated next June. The splendid equentions

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by remarkable immunities from disasters and serious accidents in c this city, though there have been elsewhere. The losses by fire hav insignificant, and compared with years, make the best showing finew century.

The nearest approach to disaster public calamity has been the fresho the James River is November, who indicted heavy damage along the rivervalley and not a little expense and loss in this city.

The health record has shown decided improvement, the new Board of Health and health officer having wrought a more complete statistical system, insuring more accurate records, and also plore vigilant supervision of milk and foods. The death rate for the year will compare favorably with other cities anywhere. The number of births during the year shows a notable increase over the previous year, showing that the story has had a busy year also.

Altogether 1906 has been a red-jetter year in the city's bistory, and 1907 is most auspiclously begun, with a heritage of prospectity, a store of energy and business sagacity, and an abundance of capital sufficient to make the future glowing with promise.

What Is Poker? A St. Louis judge has decided that billiare a game of chance. Illa Horne wident year got into a game with the factors tranger.—Philadelphia North America